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GERMAN CUNNING DOUBLE CROSSES THE BOLSHEVIKI

Encouraging Socialism In Rus-
sia But Trying to Suppress
It At Home

ANNEXATIONISTS SHOW THEIR HANDS TOO SOON

Trotsky Still Having Fantastic
Dreams of Peace On His
Own Terms

By Joseph Shaplen
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Stockholm, Dec. 24.—Camille Huysmans, the Belgian socialist leader, who has been a prime mover in efforts to hold an international socialist peace gathering, told the United Press today the Bolshevik peace endeavor seemed likely to postpone indefinitely all hope of a people's movement for real peace. "I do not believe the Lenin regime in Russia is favorable to a democratic, just peace," he declared. "The Leninites cannot accept German proposals without a surrender—and the German government cannot accept the Leninite conceptions without revolutionizing itself."
"Prospects of a separate peace have increased ambitions of the Central Powers, Teuton annexations understand perfectly that the Lenin negotiations are only an intermezzo."
"They know these will surely disorganize all possible Russian resistance—and then Hindenburg will be able to send not only the heaviest reinforcements to France, but easily to conquer Russia."
"Democratic elements in the Central Powers feel this increase of annexationist spirit. Hungarian socialists understood the situation when they voted against a separate peace."
"Cannot Trust Germans."
"Nobody should attach the least importance to the German agreement not to transfer troops during the period of the armistice. Germany's best troops on the Russian front are already marching toward France."
"The Bolsheviks have not understood their inability to enforce a democratic peace or to prevent the imposition of heavy German terms. While completely disorganizing the army, they want to be masters. They have succeeded at the price of opening their frontiers."
"Their interior policy has been no

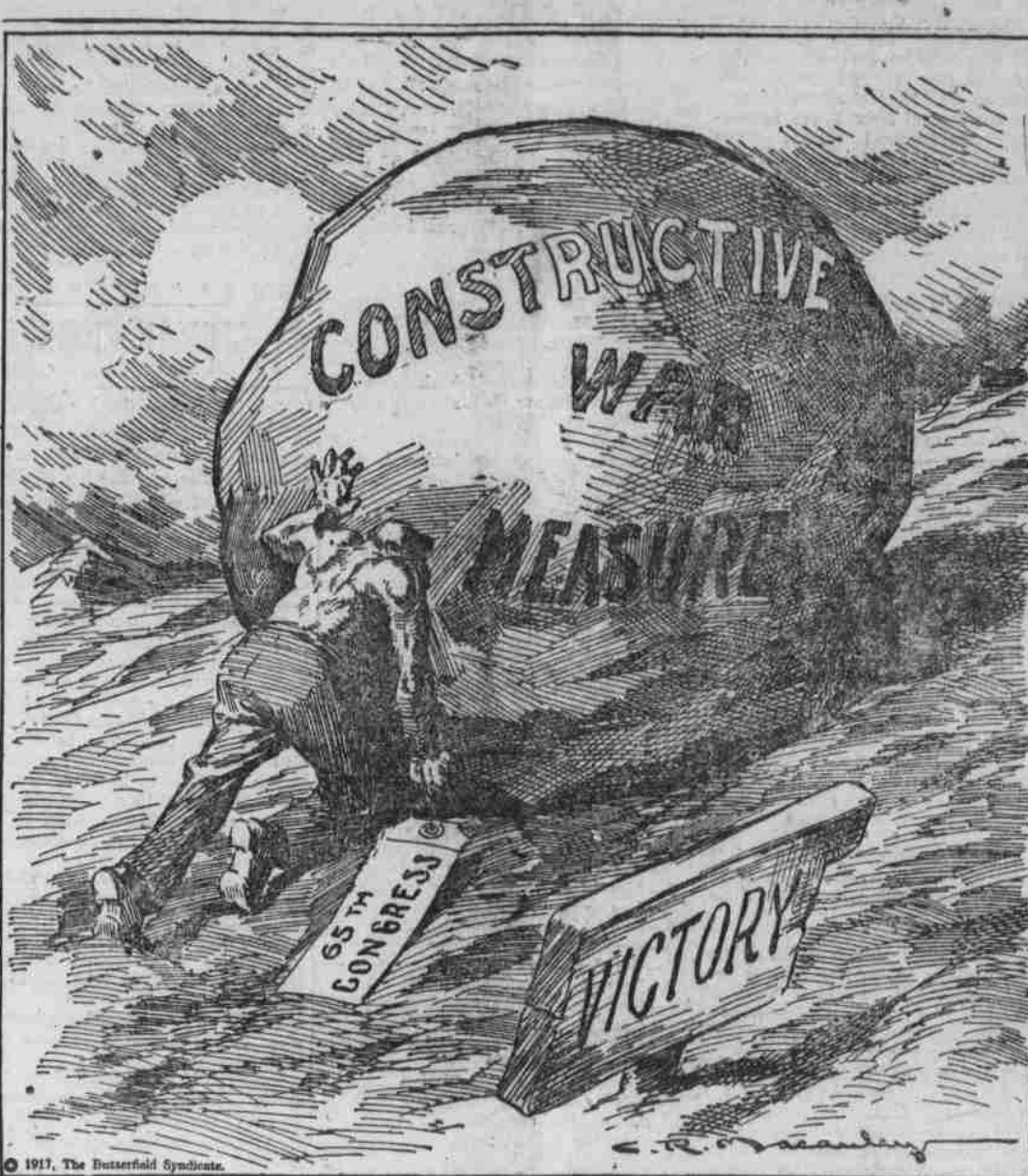
THREE DIVISIONS GERMAN TROOPS ARE CUT TO PIECES

Italians Repulse 60,000 Ger-
man's Inflicting Tremendous
Losses

10,000 GREEK TROOPS READY TO MEET BULGARS

Germans Start Offensive In
Balkans to Head Off Al-
lied Campaign

Washington, Dec. 24.—Three Teuton divisions—approximately sixty thousand men—were literally cut to pieces by the Italians in the German offensive against Collioretta and Monte Asolone, according to Rome dispatches today.
Commanders of the Seventh and Eighth Austrian brigades and General Pfeffer, commander of the Fourth Austrian division, have been seriously wounded, captured prisoners declared.
With the re-capture of positions on Monte Asolone, the Italians have re-established their positions over the menaced portions of the Italian lines. For three days the defenders fought under a terrific artillery fire and against asphyxiating gases. Losses on both sides were enormous.
Pierced Italian Lines
Rome, Dec. 24.—A strong Teuton attack launched in the western sector of the Asiago plateau, especially at Buzo and Monte Valbella, resulted in the penetration of the Italian lines by a portion of the enemy, the war office announced today.
"Our artillery raked their advance, making heavy inroads upon them and they were forced to stop at our rear positions," it was announced.
"Our troops' counter attack is continuing satisfactorily."
Along the Piave at Vecchia, south of Gradengo, detachments of Bersaglieri executed a surprise attack upon and drove back large parties of the enemy who had succeeded in passing the right bank of the river and who made a desperate attempt to retain their positions.
Fighting in Macedonia
Washington, Dec. 24.—Germany has started a powerful offensive in Macedonia, probably to anticipate the allied campaign about ready to begin. Along the Cerna river, three violent attacks



UNTIL THE GOAL IS REACHED

20,000 SHELLS ARE FIRED AT AMERICANS BEFORE RUSH ATTACK

Story Told of Americans Bap-
tism of Fire—Fought
Furious Battle

By W. S. Forrest
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
With the French Armies in the Picardie, Dec. 24.—Twenty thousand German shells were hurled at the American troops in front line trenches November third, before the German raid which brought America's front dead in action.
The United Press is able today to tell for the first time to describe exactly what occurred on that night.
An American company was holding a small salient. The Germans had discovered that American helmets "soup plate" type, different from the "soup tureen" sort worn by the French—were opposite them.
According to a German prisoner just taken by the French, the enemy spared no pains to make his raid a success.
The American position was minutely studied by the methodical Teutons. Parties were sent on darkest nights to cut the wire.
Two companies—at least 3,000 German soldiers—were brought from another part of the front for the actual assault. These were "storm truppen"—Germany's best fed volunteer shock troops, used solely for attacking.
German guns were concentrated on the American position. The salient was cut absolutely off from outside aid.
Under cover of this terrific fire, the enemy shock troops went across No Man's Land, armed with trench daggers. The Germans swarmed over the Americans—outnumbering them two to one.
But the untired soldiers representing Uncle Sam fought a furious fight.

RUSSIAN ARMISTICE STIRS SOCIALISTS TO ACTION IN GERMANY

Government Taking Steps to
Prevent Any Action by
Social Democrats

Washington, Dec. 24.—"Serious difficulties" between the imperial German government and the majority socialists have resulted from the conclusion of an armistice with Russian Maximalists the committee on public information learned today in a radio message from Lyons, France.
German military authorities, the message says, are strongly opposing socialist assemblies and are doing all within their power to thwart an expansion of the socialist movement.
The message is quoted from Zurich dispatches to a French news agency: "Word comes from Berlin that the conclusion of the armistice with the Maximalists has as a first effect, produced serious difficulties between the imperial government and the majority socialists. The latter in fact advertise openly their ideas about peace conditions and those tendencies of which the pan-Germans and militarists complain. Numerous incidents have occurred. The prohibiting of the meeting arranged for last Sunday in Berlin by the majorities is not an isolated case."
"The communication of the socialist party in the protest that was addressed to the imperial chancellor mentioned

RUSSIAN FREIGHTER BRINGS FUNDS TO AID TRAITORS IN AMERICA

Crew Fraternizes with I. W.
W's On Landing—Will Be
Interned

A Pacific Port, Dec. 24.—Face to face with a Bolshevik problem on American soil, the commandant of this naval district, United States officials and naval intelligence officers were in conference at noon today aboard the mysterious Russian ship Shilka which was seized here yesterday on the theory that it was bringing propagandists and gold for the I. W. W.
Twenty one I. W. W. members of the crew were arrested and are still held following their attempts Sunday afternoon to hold a meeting when denied the privilege of going aboard the Shilka.
Denil Teraninoff, age 25, the ship's quartermaster who was arrested, by city detectives after he had made a speech to 500 I. W. W. in front of their hall here last night, was turned over to the naval bureau of investigation. He was taken aboard the ship.
An armed guard of fifty American bluejackets with fixed bayonets, are still patrolling the pier where the vessel is moored.
All government and naval officials, apparently much concerned over the situation and in communication with Washington, D. C. authorities, refused today to discuss probable steps with reference to the disposition of the men held.

British Tommies Are the Real Santa Claus' For the Wee French Kiddies

"The Bravest are the Tender-
est, the Loving are the
Daring"

By William Phillip Elms
(United Press staff correspondent)
With the British Armies in France, Dec. 24.—While General Allenby's modicum of "wise men of the east" are following the Star of Bethlehem and driving the Teutons out of the land of Jesus, Field Marshal Haig's British bulldogs are holding Jehovah's line on the west.
Behind the front today there were signs of unusual movements under way. Dispatches via Holland report Belgium seething with German troops from the Russian front.
This Christmas eve, therefore, is perhaps the most important for humanity since the birth of Christ.
While ragged, war-orphaned children gaze longingly into the dimly lighted shop windows in Krupp-crushed villages, wondering if Kris Kringle has forgotten them as usual during three years of war, Hindenburg is perhaps planning to roll guns over them again.
The British Tommy is of different stuff from his antagonist. The Tommy is half steel, half the milk of human kindness. Therefore, before going to snowbound shell craters to spend his Christmas fighting, sniping, signalling back ranges for British batteries, he is playing Santa Claus in the cellars to an antojed number of French children. A great many places the British Santa Claus visited were directly under German shell fire.
Feared Being Overlooked
No wonder the poor-kiddies near the front lines were apprehensive of being overlooked. They have told their friends the Tommy, that Santa Claus certainly couldn't be expected to find tiny sheet iron chimneys in their ruined homes, or descend through holes in the pavement to greet them. But Tommy purposes to find a way for Santa

Argentine Stirred to Depths by Recent German Exposures

Buenos Aires, Dec. 24.—Only the utmost vigilance of patrols and mounted troops prevented an outbreak of anti-German rioting Sunday afternoon and last night. The downtown streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers and several attempts were made to organize demonstrations. Students and others marched to La Nacion building chanting "10,000 pesos," which was the amount of the monthly subsidy said to have been obtained from Berlin by Count von Luxburg, the deposed German minister.
The crowds dispersed when charged by troops, but patrols trotted through the downtown section all night, preventing marching crowds from joining each other. The publication of the additional Luxburg dispatches has caused a new outbreak of bitterness against Germany and it is expected it will be voiced in congress next week.

Dallas Man Wounded

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—The following Americans are mentioned in today's casualty list:
Wounded:
H. N. Wilkinson, Dallas, Or.
Captain W. K. Turner, Seattle Washington.

SEA CLAIMS TWO.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The sea has claimed two more American sailors, Leo B. Murphy, Oroville Cal., and George O. K. Vidahl, Arlington, N. J., second class seamen, were lost overboard from a transport December 17, the navy department announced today.

TEN THOUSAND MEN TAKE PART IN STRIKE IN BAY SHIPYARDS

Demand Made For More
Wages—Wage Commis-
sion May Be Called In

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Prediction was made today that the federal wage adjustment commission or the United States mediation committee would be recalled to San Francisco to settle the differences between officials and employees of San Francisco bay foundries which threaten to result in a new strike of iron trades. Officials of the Iron Trades Council declared today that the new strike, if one is called, will not affect any shipbuilding or other government work.
Three unions, affiliated with the council, are expected to strike before night and a number of others will strike before the end of the week unless the California Metal Trades Council agrees to grant all trades in the council the 10 per cent wage increase over the scale fixed by the United States adjustment commission which has been accepted by the government.
All foundries announced last week that they would remain closed today on account of the Christmas holidays. Reports that a dozen foundries had locked out their men were declared to be unfounded.
The crafts threatening to strike include blacksmiths, pattern makers, marine electricians and moulders. The machinists have called a meeting for Wednesday night.
The executive committee of the California Metal Trades association held a meeting today to consider the new demands.

GERMANY TALKS PEACE—ACTS SHOW IT'S CAMOUFLAGE

Trying to Make German Peo-
ple Believe It Can Dic-
tate Terms

AMERICAN ARMIES ARE "RESERVES OF VICTORY"

Secretary Baker Says Kaiser
Has Begun Peace
Propaganda

Washington, Dec. 24.—Germany's "insidious Christmas peace propaganda should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war," Secretary of War Baker's weekly war summary voiced the warning today, pointing out clearly that Germany now is trying to knock Italy out of the fight, while at the same time she is testing out the west front, preliminary to what has been heralded as a big offensive.
He warned, too, that America's portion of the struggle is vast and that "our armies constitute the reserves of victory."
On the subject of Teuton peace feelers and America's task, the secretary said:
"It would appear that as a forerunner to the German offensive heralded to be launched in the west, an intensive peace propaganda is under way. Officials here see in the Russo-German gathering at Brest-Litovsk an effort by Germany to effect a separate peace with Russia during the holidays for the psychological effect on other nations."
"Will Again Ask Peace."
"Careful examination of the situation reveals that the enemy is again preparing to sue for 'peace before victory,'" Baker said.
"Information from various sources confirms the reports that the Germans would have the world believe that the military situation is such that they are able to dictate the terms of peace. They therefore, threatened that unless this dictated peace is accepted by the allied powers and ourselves, the German forces now being concentrated on the western front will break through the allied line in the west."
"The various reports of immediate peace proposals by the Germans on seemingly favorable terms should not for a moment induce us to slacken our

10,000 To Go Out

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Ten thousand workmen of four crafts in the Iron Trades Council including men engaged in building ships for the government will go on strike in San Francisco bay shipyards today, it was announced by Iron Trades Council officials. The men will remain on strike until the 10 per cent wage increase granted by the Emergency Fleet corporation is given.
Members of the California Metal Trades association announced that the ten per cent increase—which means 10 per cent more than the scale fixed by the federal shipbuilding wage adjustment board—would not be granted. This increase was given by the emergency ship corporation, said association officials after a meeting in Washington at which the association was not represented.
R. W. Burton, president of the Iron Trades Council, received a message from Charles Piez, general manager of the Emergency Fleet corporation, stating: "Stoppage of war work does the work

Rainbow Division and All Other Units Are Anxious To Get On the Firing Line

American Boys Well Supplied
with Christmas Cheer—
But Want to Fight

W. W. SECRETARY GREETED
SOLDIERS THROUGH
THE CAPITAL JOURNAL
Washington, Dec. 24.—Christmas greetings to American soldiers was voiced today by Secretary of War Baker in the following message to the Capital Journal:
"Let me extend, through your columns, to the men of our forces, the greetings of the war department and my own well wishes."
"Our's in a nation which has greater love for the prince of peace than for the god of war—and only to the attainment of a permanent, liberalized peace may our material efforts be directed."
(Signed) "NEWTON D. BAKER"
(Signed)

By Carl D. Groat
(United Press staff correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 24.—"Over there" where hate and horror dwell, Americans of the Rainbow division and other units this Christmas tide are anxious for battle.
Only a small portion of the United States' forces has been tested by fire, but reports to the war department showed today that training is proceeding so well that when the call to battle comes the Rainbow—showing the colors of 26 states—along with the other organizations, will give good account of themselves as Americans have always done.

The Rainbow boys are well and happy—at least as happy as a set of men could be whose steps stray far from home in the holiday season. They are well supplied, too. The knick knacks from home have arrived and have been distributed but even were they not, the Rainbows would not want.
"We can get everything here that we had at home," wrote the son of General Frank McIntyre, army censor, today, responding to a letter asking what he really needed or wanted on Christmas. Incidentally, both McIntyre and Secretary Baker held it would be entirely proper to have a Christmas announcement that the "Rainbow division in France for some time has been doing splendid work."
Are in Fine Trim
Secretary Baker held it would be proper to have a Christmas announcement that "the Rainbow division in France and has been there for some time." McIntyre thought, too, a Christmas message about that body was proper, despite restrictive rules on mention of names of units abroad, their numbers and location.
The Rainbow men's training proceeds well, he said.
"Have they been under fire yet?" "No, I believe not," he replied.
All his information, however, is that the American units are shaping up well. They are enthusiastic and apt. Training in the open and hard and constant drill are making muscles of steel and sending rich, clean blood through their veins.
They have plenty of good, wholesome food, the equal of home cooking and without that stint of conservation rules which apply to American homes. The Y. M. C. A. is providing them with clean amusement. Their rules are such that they are less exposed to vice than they would be in the average American city.
Secretary Baker and his aides are mightily pleased with the spirit and development of the Stimmies. Their

